
General Patient Care Protocols: EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic Scope of Practice

I. Intent

1. This program document outlines the scope of practice of EMT-Intermediate and of EMT-Paramedic personnel practicing in the District of Columbia. Any activity conducted outside this established scope of practice places the individual's certificate at risk for certification review.

II. Scope of Practice

1. During training, while at the scene of an emergency, and during transport of sick or injured, or during interfacility transfer, a supervised EMT-I/EMT-P trainee or certified EMT-I/EMT-P is authorized to perform all of the items listed in the EMT-Basic Scope of Practice. In addition, they are also authorized to perform the following:



Note Well: *Those items followed with a star (*) are for use only under the Special Care Interventions Protocol, and only by those providers who are certified by the District of Columbia to perform those skills.*

- A. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of endotracheal intubation.
- B. Pediatric endotracheal intubation
- C. Visualize the airway by use of the laryngoscope and remove foreign body(ies) with magill forceps.
- D. Perform manual defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, and transcutaneous cardiac pacing
- E. Perform needle thoracostomy*

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II. Scope of Practice (continued)

- F. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of cricothyrotomy*
- G. Perform Valsalva Maneuvers
- H. Intraosseous Access/Infusion
- J. Administer the following medications as outlined in the current protocols
 - i. Adenosine*
 - ii. Aspirin
 - iii. Atropine Sulfate
 - iv. Calcium Chloride
 - v. Dextrose 50%
 - vi. Diazepam
 - vii. Diphenhydramine HCL
 - viii. Dopamine HCL*
 - ix. Epinephrine 1:1,000
 - x. Epinephrine 1:10,000
 - xi. Flumazenil
 - xii. Furosemide
 - xiii. Glucagon
 - xiv. Lidocaine HCL
 - xv. Magnesium Sulfate
 - xvi. Methylprednisolone Sodium Succinate

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II. Scope of Practice (continued)

- xvii. Midazolam
- xviii. Morphine Sulfate
- xix. Naloxone
- xx. Sodium Bicarbonate
- xxi. Thiamine
- xxii. Terbutaline Sulfate

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